

## Minutes for the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting of May 16, 2016

Board members present were Christopher Tonkin, Jack Johnson, Ron Sender, Stephan Miller, Doug Greenfield and Scott Smith. Phil Goff was absent. Also attending were Joey Glushko, Emily Snyder and Stuart Jester.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

\*Approval of the April minutes. The minutes for the April meeting were approved after they were amended. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Review of the BIKE-Arlington Tour. Between 40 and 50 people attended the tour. Christopher noted that there were a few participants not wearing helmets. We discussed what to do about that next year. Stephan suggested that we make the requirement more prominent in the advertising for the Tour. The consensus was that the tour of the new fire station was very informative. The police escort (officer Steven Connelly) did a great job. Jack told us that the free bike swag was all given out. Ron added that we should pay more attention to riding single file because, at times, we were taking up most of the street or lane. Another issue was that there was a child whose bike was too small and consequently he was very slow. Emily told us that she really enjoyed the ride. Jack would like to see more stops and lectures at community resources. Christopher ended the discussion by telling us that the event at the end of the ride, at the Regent Theater, was amusing and informative.

CLAMP project update. Christopher told us that the HAWK light in the plan was mandated by MASSDot. We will not get state funding without installing it. Stephan told us that he feels that education and enforcement will be necessary to get motorists compliance with this new type of signal. Scott added that this type of signal was designed for pedestrians and we are going to use it for both pedestrians and bicycles. Christopher suggested that we have an educational exhibit at Town Day outlining the use of this kind of signal. Scott told us that the TAC will also participate in this effort at Town Day.

Update of the Phase II Mass. Ave. Project. Joey outlined the purpose of the “Walkshop” held in Arlington Center last week. The purpose was to solicit ideas about certain aspects of the design of Arlington Center. There will be a public discussion of the ideas they gathered on June 16 in Town Hall.

Progress report on the reapplication for LAB designation. Christopher told us that most of the application has been filled out. The working group will be meeting again in a few weeks to complete the application. Joey told us that there are 5-6 essay type questions yet to be finished. The group will be setting up a collaboration with all of us to make sure that all the relevant information is included.

Somerville May 1 event, ABAC participation. Doug felt that it was a fun event and that it was valuable for ABAC to have had a presence. He went into some detail explaining the rationale for holding the event. There was a presentation and discussion about bike rage and how to manage

it. Jack also attended and felt that there was value in mingling with other people interested in bicycle transportation.

Tri-Town Bicycle Committee meeting preparation. There is an upcoming Tri-community meeting on June 4. It will be held in Arlington and we are assembling the agenda. Joey will present the idea of a celebration for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Minuteman Bikeway. Joey also suggested that we prepare a Bikeway calendar to sell honoring the event. Christopher read some of the topics that will be discussed. Joey would like to discuss how we handle the increasing popularity of ebikes. Christopher, Joey, Scott, Ron and Stephan plan to attend.

Bikeway user counts. Bikeway use seems to have increased, especially during commuting hours. Joey suggested that we start recruiting for the July counts.

Town Day booth preparations. Christopher noted that we should start to plan the display. We will again be giving out helmets and, in addition, this year possibly neon safety vests. Also, we will do a presentation on the HAWK light discussed above.

Executive appointments. Stephan and Scott's terms will expire at the end of the year. Stephan will step down and it may be that Elizabeth Shea will take his place on the board and as secretary/treasurer. Joey is retiring and will also be leaving. It is not yet clear how the Town will be represented at committee meetings.

Other. Jack told us about the new Cochituate Rail Trail which opened last week. There are now about 1½ miles that are paved, with, hopefully, more to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

\*A vote of the board was taken.

These minutes submitted by Stephan Miller